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SUBJECT: AGREEMENTS ON CHINESE ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION

1. DEPARTMENT ASSUMES THAT CHINESE, IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH BOTH CANADA AND US, WILL WANT TO FOLLOW NOW-ESTABLISHED FORMAT OF SIGNING TWO AGREEMENTS: A STATE-TO-STATE AGREEMENT ON GENERAL COMMITMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AND AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN SEMI-OFFICIAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNING DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS.

2. FOR SECOND-LEVEL AGREEMENT, OUR CURRENT THINKING IS TO FORM COMMITTEE AROUND CORE OF PRESENT NATIONAL GALLERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONSTITUTED AS A LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE ENTITY UNDER SOME DIFFERENT NAME, SUCH AS "THE CHINESE EXHIBITION COMMITTEE OF AMERICA". IF EXHIBITION MOVES TO OTHER US CITIES, HONORARY AND WORKING MEMBERS FROM THOSE LOCALES WOULD BE ADDED AS NEEDED.

3. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE IN MANY WAYS FOR SUCH COMMITTEE TO BE REPRESENTED IN PEKING AT TIME OF NEGOTIATIONS BY NATIONAL GALLERY DIRECTOR JOHN CARTER BROWN, WHO COULD ASSIST IN DISCUSSIONS ON ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR

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EXHIBITION, ADVISE ON CURATORIAL OR SECURITY QUESTIONS

WHICH MIGHT COME UP, AND SIGN SECOND AGREEMENT ON BEHALF
OF COMMITTEE.

4. REQUEST USLO'S COMMENTS ON THIS. RUSH

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